

Examiner's Amendment.  
(approved 6/22/05 by Edgar Cataxinos)  
Serial No. 10/606,407

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph number [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application claims the priority of provisional application Serial No. 60/392,004, filed June 26, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph number [0002] as follows:

[0002] The present invention relates to osmotic systems for delivering beneficial agents. More particularly, the present invention relates to an osmotic pump having a minimally compliant, ~~volume-efficient~~ volume-efficient piston.

Please amend paragraph number [0005] as follows:

[0005] In some instances, a piston is required to separate the beneficial agent from the osmotic agent to prevent the osmotic agent from mixing with or contaminating the beneficial agent. Examples of systems that use a piston to separate the beneficial agent from the osmotic agent include U.S. Patent Nos. 4,753,651; 4,874,388; 4,969,884; 5,030,216; 5,034,229; 5,137,727; 5,180,591; 5,209,746; 5,221,278; 5,234,424; 5,234,692; 5,308,348; 5,318,558; 5,456,679; 5,540,665; 5,690,952; 5,728,088; 5,728,396; 5,795,591; 5,861,166; 5,871,770; 5,985,305; 5,997,527; 6,132,420; 6,156,331; 6,217,906; 6,261,584; 6,287,295; and 6,395,292; and PCT publication WO 99/33446, the entire disclosures of ~~all of which~~ each are herein incorporated by reference. Where the dimensions of the pistons included in the osmotic pumps ~~described~~ claimed in the cited references are described, the ratio of ~~length to total width~~ length-to-total-width of the piston is typically ~~1.5:1~~ <sup>less than 1.0:1.</sup> ~~lengthen 1.0:1.~~ However, the cited references do not provide details regarding the ratio of the core of the pistons to the total diameter of the pistons used in these systems described therein. The structure of the capsules described in the cited references is such that the capsule does not expand significantly when the osmotic agent takes in water and expands. As the osmotic agent included in the systems described in the cited references expands, pressure causes the piston to move and the beneficial

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